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OFFICE OF
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**RE: Freedom of Information Act - Request Number EPA-2020-004989
Fee Waiver Determination**

Dear Ms. MacKinney:

This letter concerns the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), National FOIA Office on June 1, 2020, in which you are seeking the following:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, and on behalf of the Union of Concerned Scientists, I write to request access to and copies of all email communications to, from, or in the custody of : • William Yelverton • John Vandenberg • Tina Bahadori • Jennifer Orme-Zavaleta • Anne Idsal • Clint Woods • Peter Tsirigotis • Louis D'Amico • Susan Bodine • David Harlow • David Dunlap • Mandy Gunasekara That mention or link any of the following records: • Lisa Friedman. 2020. New Research Links Air Pollution to Higher Coronavirus Death Rates, New York Times. April 7. <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/07/climate/air-pollution-coronavirus-covid.html>. • Xiao Wu, Rachel C. Nethery, M. Benjamin Sabath, Danielle Braun, Francesca Dominici. 2020. Exposure to air pollution and COVID-19 mortality in the United States. April 5. https://projects.iq.harvard.edu/files/covid-pm/files/pm_and_covid_mortality.pdf • COVID-19 PM2.5: A national study on long-term exposure to air pollution and COVID-19 mortality in the United States. <https://projects.iq.harvard.edu/covid-pm> • The Editorial Board. 2020. The Fossil Fuel-Virus Nexus? Not. The Wall Street Journal. May 4. <https://www.wsj.com/articles/the-fossil-fuel-virus-nexus-not-11588630987>. The date range for this request is April 7, 2020 to May 20, 2020.

You have requested a fee waiver. The total fee incurred in processing this request will not meet the cost threshold; therefore, it is not billable.

If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, you may seek assistance from EPA's FOIA Public Liaison at hq.foia@epa.gov or call (202) 566-1667. You may also seek assistance from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways: by mail, Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8610 Adelphi Road,

College Park, MD 20740-6001; email: ogis@nara.gov; telephone: (202) 741-5770 or (877) 684-6448; or fax: (202) 741-5769. For all media inquiries, please contact press@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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